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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 0637

E O 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA PGOV PFOR WB GE
SUBJ: TRAVEL THROUGH THE GDR TO WEST BERLIN

REF: BERLIN 5381

1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF MR.
HUGHS' CIRCUITOUS TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN, WHICH WAS
ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES OR UNACCEPTABLE GDR
BORDER CONTROLS.

2. HUGHS AND FAMILY OBTAINED GDR TRANSIT VISAS IN MOSCOW
ON REPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER (ANLAGEN) INSERTED INTO
PASSPORTS. THEY WERE GIVEN GDR ENTRY STAMPS ON TRAIN AT
GDR-POLISH BORDER. ON REACHING OSTBAHNHOF IN EAST BERLIN,
(MAIN STATION FOR TRAINS FROM EAST) HUGHS FAMILY DIS-
EMBARKEED AND TOOK TAXI TO SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT, WHERE THEY
SWITCHED TO AIRPORT BUS TO WEST BERLIN VIA WALTERSDORFER/
RUDOWER CHAUSSEE CROSSING POINT. GDR INSPECTOR THERE
ASKED WHETHER HUGHS HAD COME FROM SCHOENEFELD
(RAILROAD) STATION, AND RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE REPLY,
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AND PLACED GDR EXIT STAMPS ON ANLAGEN. PASSPORTS WERE
NOT EXAMINED OR STAMPED BETWEEN GDR-POLISH BORDER AND
WALTERSDORFER CHAUSSEE CROSSING.

3. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO MR. HUGHS' ROUTE FROM VIEW-
POINT OF STATUS OF BERLIN, SINCE STATE BORDER CONTROLS
WERE NOT EXERCISED IN EAST BERLIN. BELIEVE HUGHS'

ROUTE -- LIKE OTHER BERLIN BOUNDARY MATTERS -- FALLS IN
GRAY AREA BUT COULD PROBABLY BE USED BY FUTURE WESTBOUND
TRAIN TRAVELERS PROVIDED THESE CASES ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY
BROUGHT OFFICIALLY TO GDR ATTENTION. WE HAVE IMPRESSION GDR BORDER
GUARDS INSTRUCTED TO GIVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT BEARERS BENEFIT
OF DOUBT IN SITUATIONS WHERE LEEWAY EXISTS SUCH AS HUGHS'
WESTBOUND TRAVEL. WE DOUBT THAT EASTBOUND
TRAVELERS COULD USE SAME ROUTE, AS BUSSES LEAVING
WEST BERLIN, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, TAKE ONLY PASSENGERS
WITH TICKETS FOR SCHOENEFELD PLANE DEPARTURES. GEORGE

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